



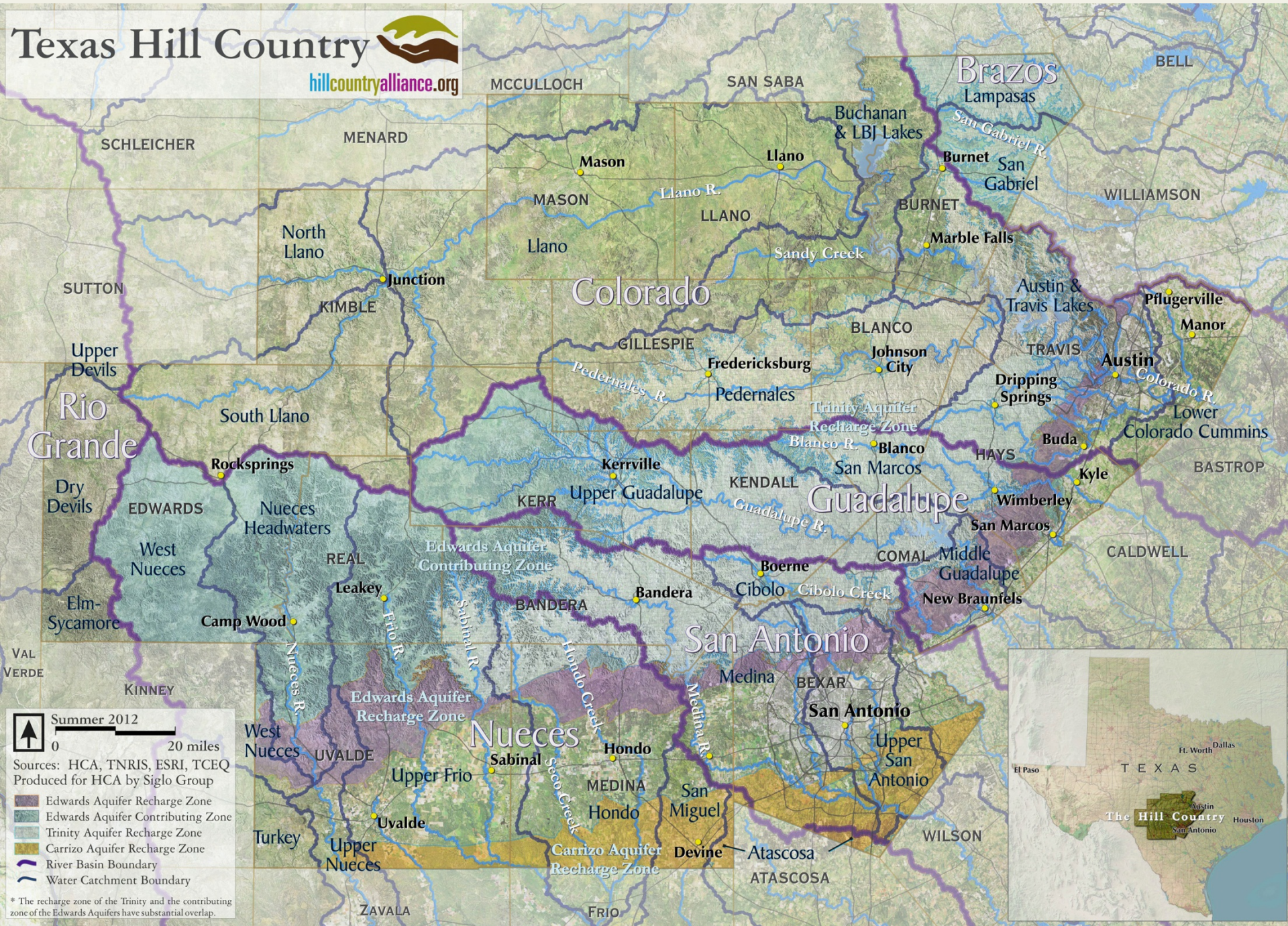
**hill country alliance**



hillcountryalliance.org











- Mission: *To bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with a long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country*
- Board of Directors: 14 members, 10 counties, 4 from Travis County











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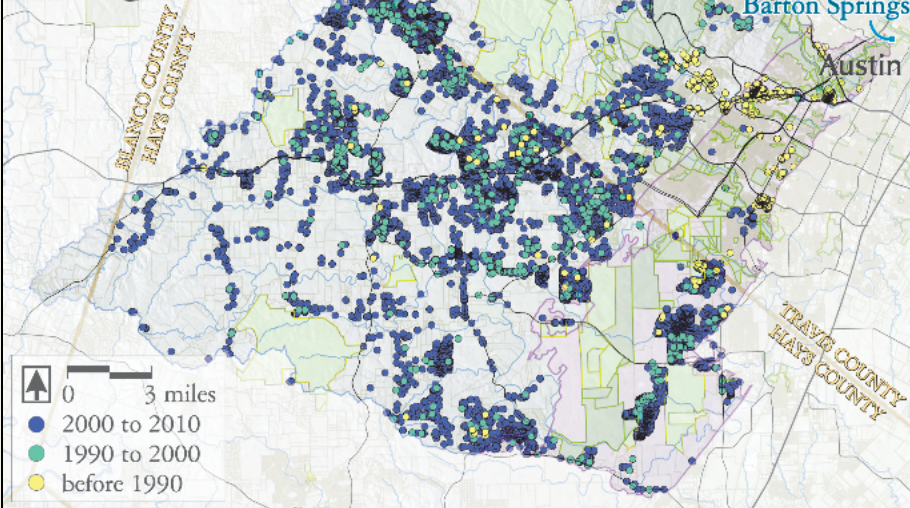








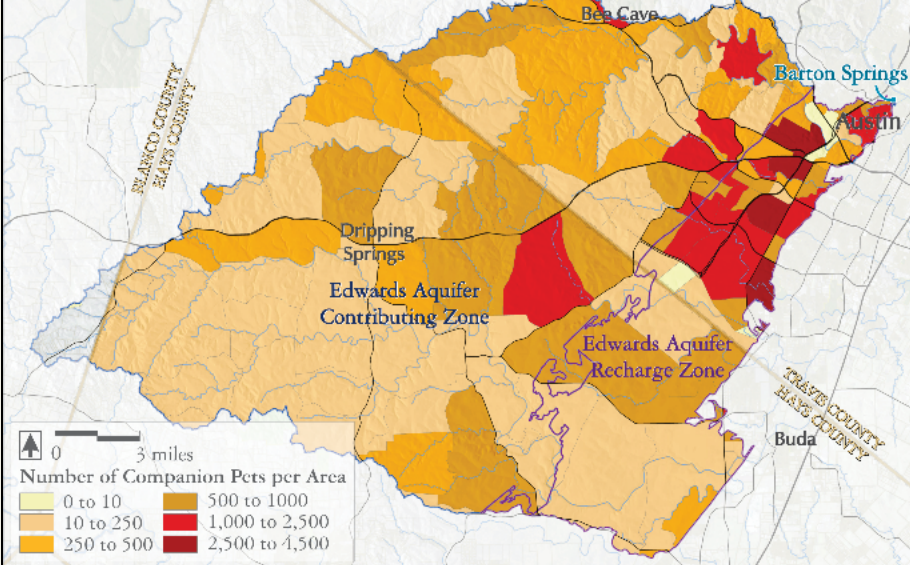
## Onsite Sewage Treatment Permits, through 2010



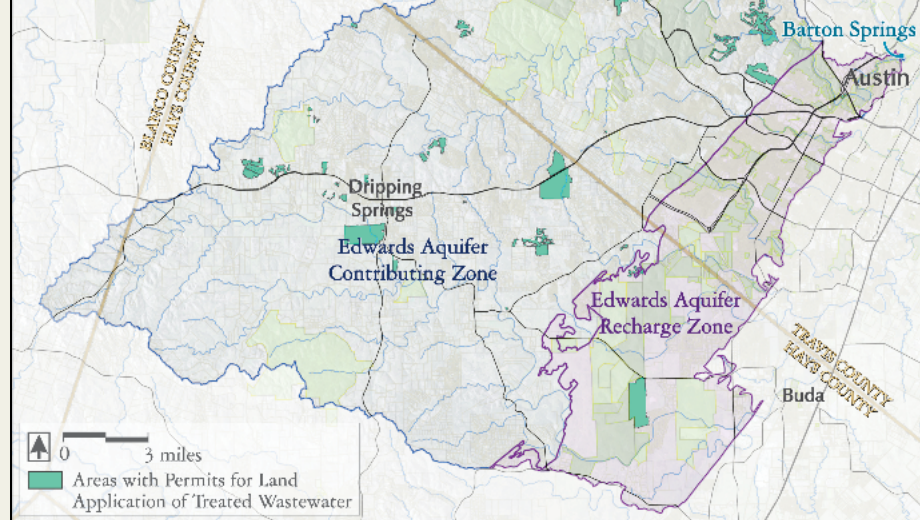
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- More sewage
- More pet waste
- More fertilizer
- Less aquifer recharge

## Pets and Pollution



## Land Application of Treated Wastewater

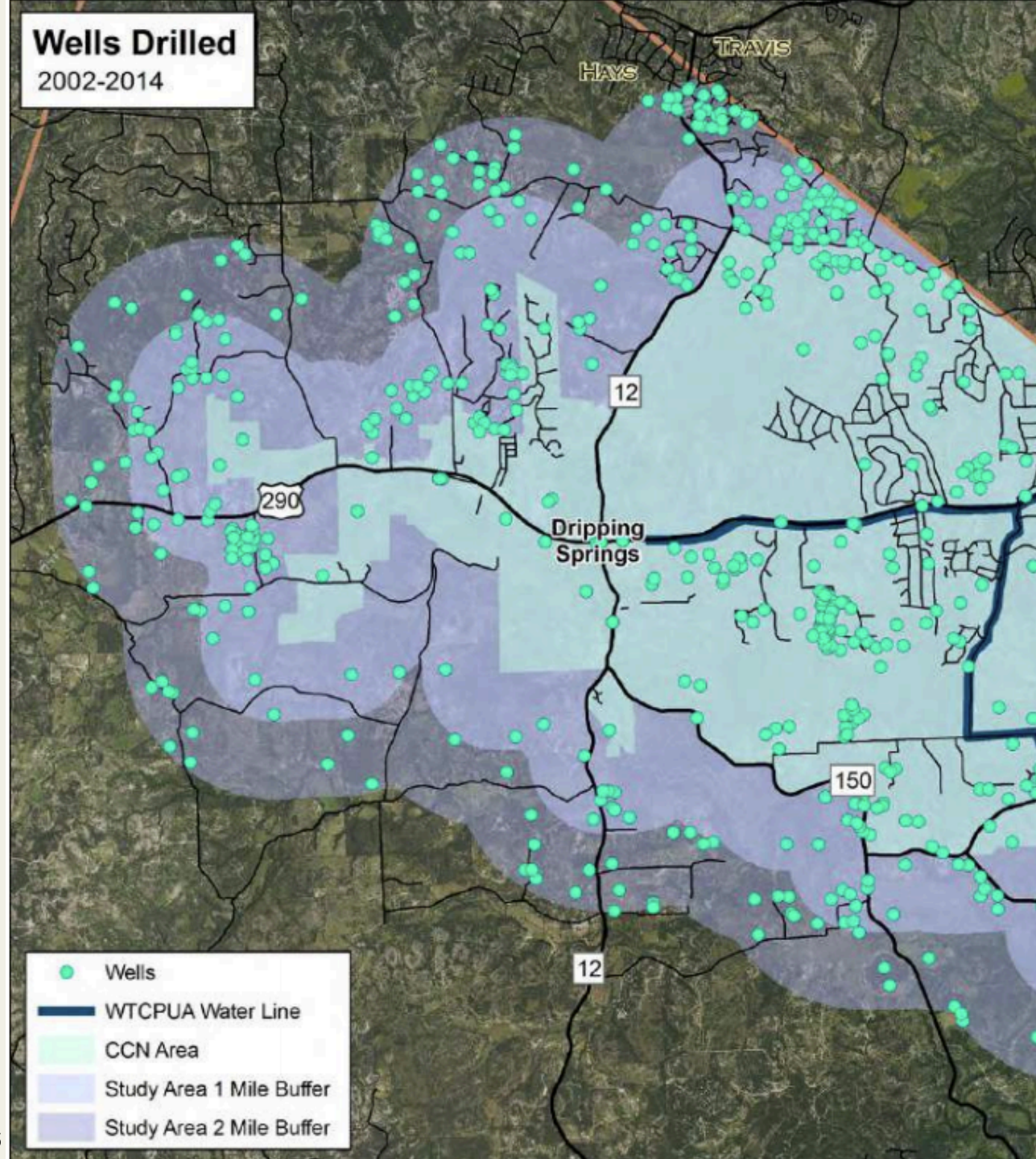




## Wells Drilled 2002-2014

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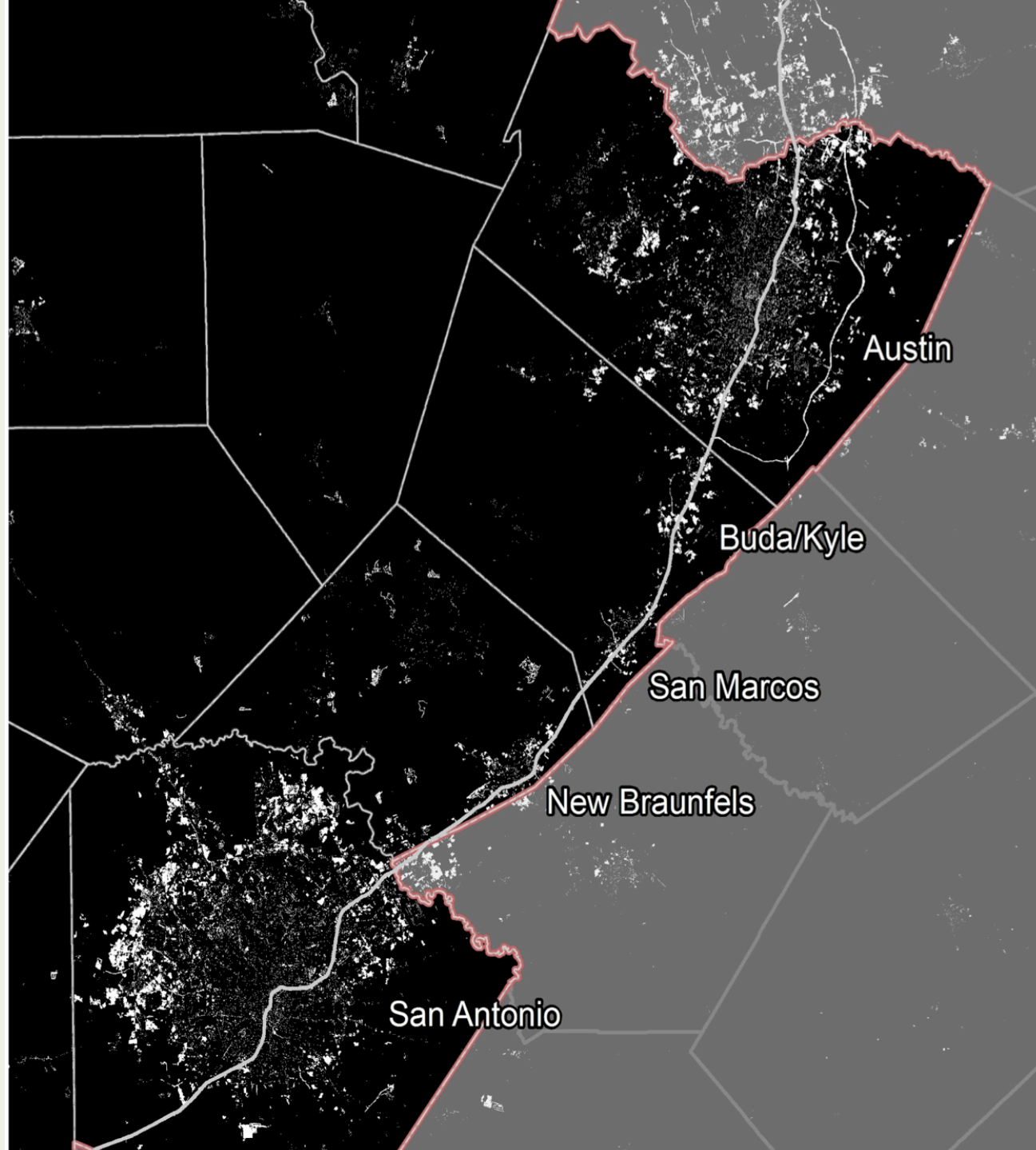
- More wells
- Less spring flow





## Increased impervious cover 2000 to 2010:

- 50,000 acres
- Preventing recharge and filtration
- Exacerbating flooding

















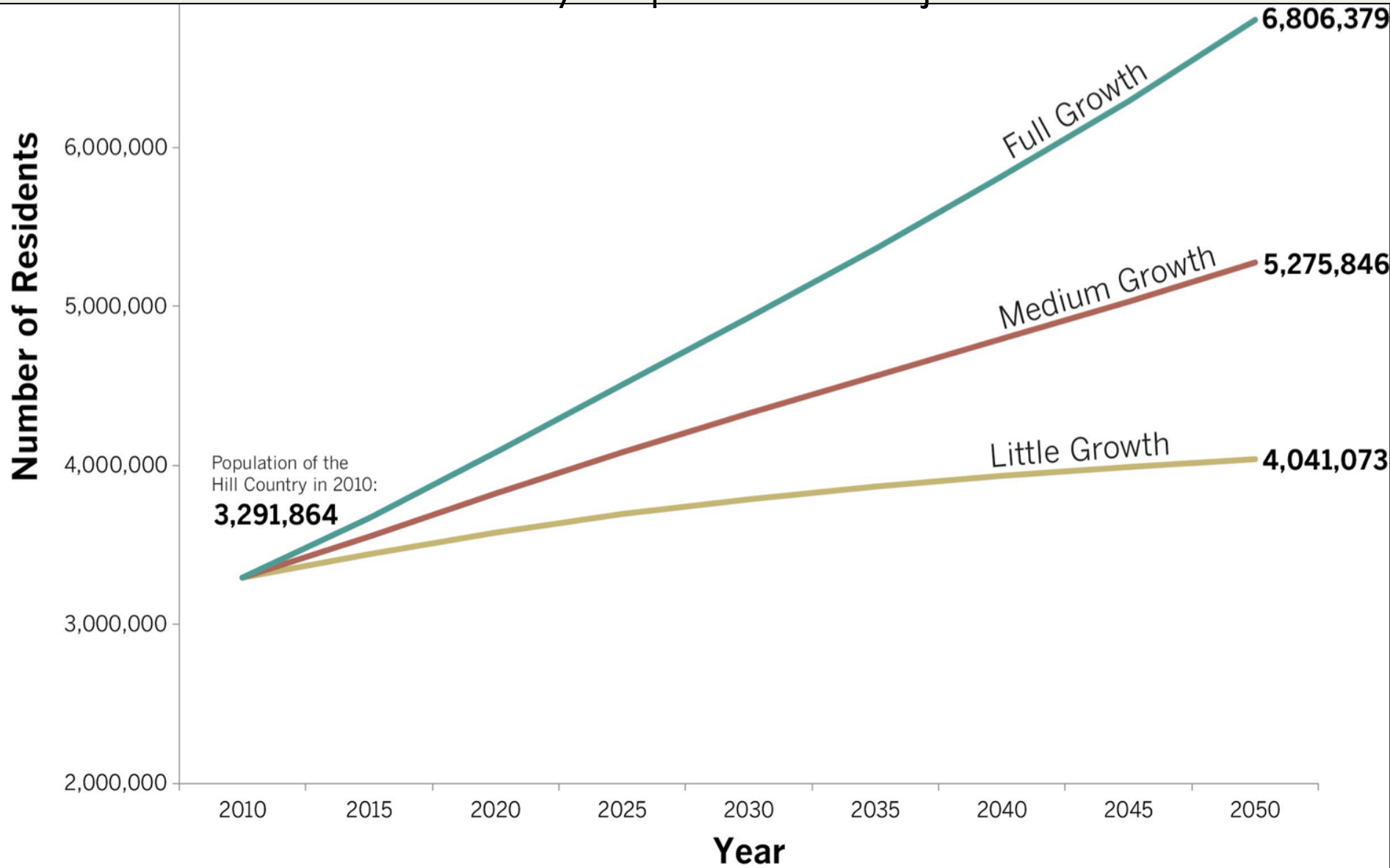






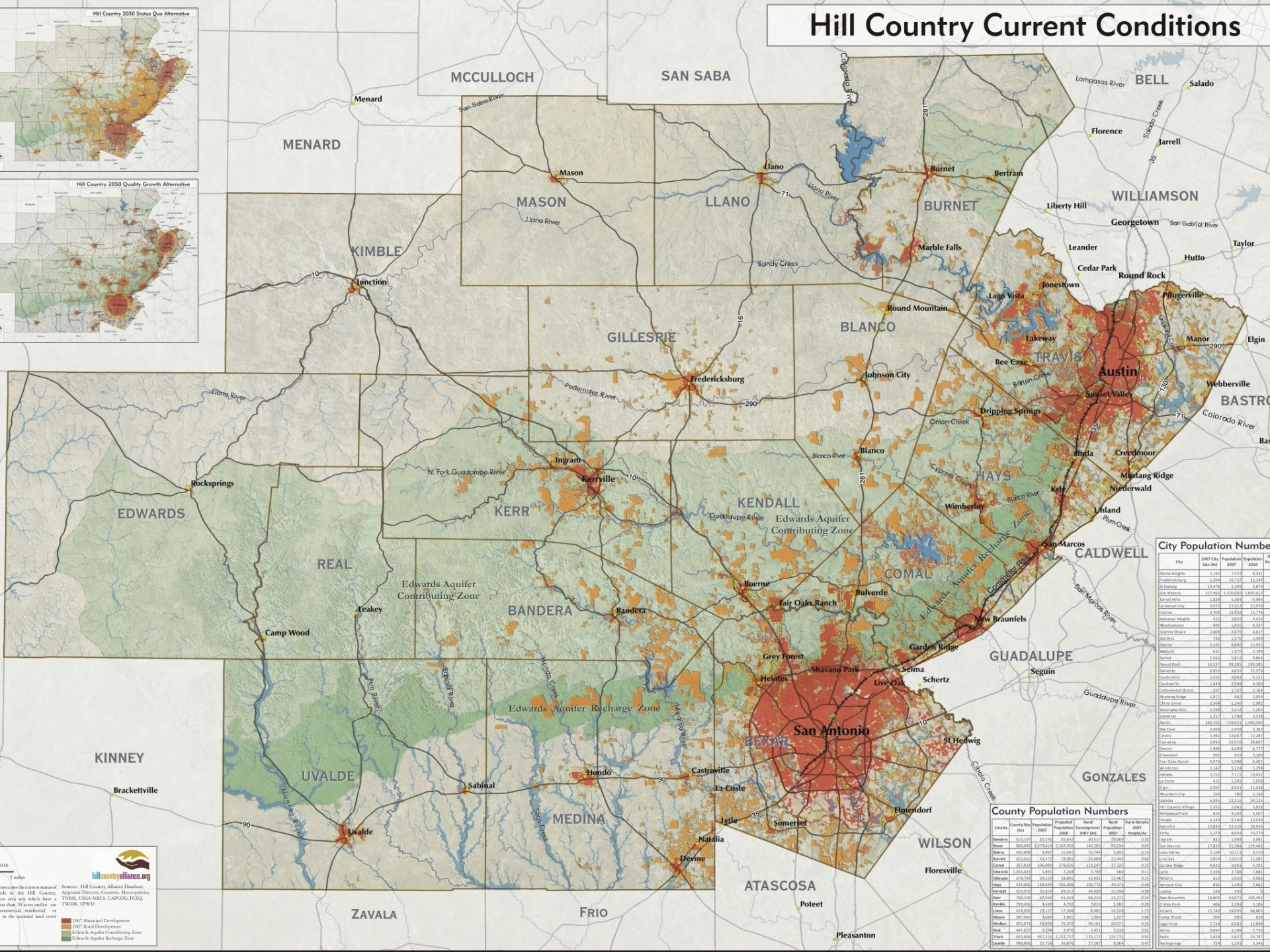


# Hill Country Population Projections



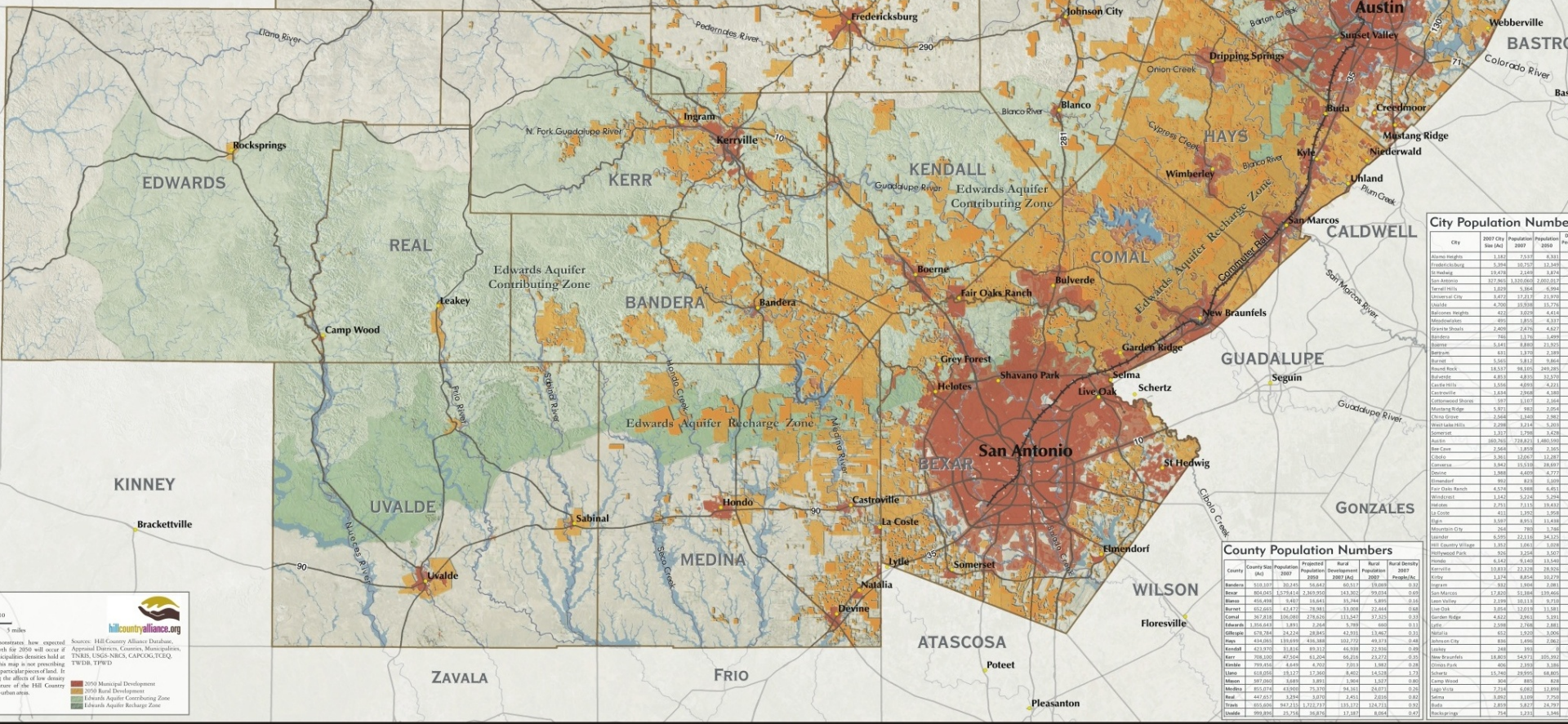
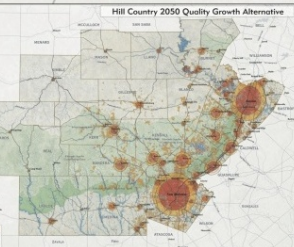
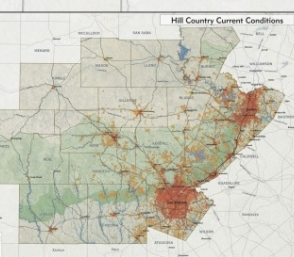


## Hill Country Current Conditions





## Hill Country 2050 Status Quo Alternative

City Population Number[illegible]County Population Numbers

Country	Census (thousands)	Population 2007	Projected Population 2017	Population Development 2007-2017	Rural Population 2007	Rural Population 2017	Rural Dev. 2007-2017
Bandera	531,357	20,245	26,645	40,537	19,008		
Bencar	804,455	15,791,614	15,569,550	143,302	99,684		
Burundi	458,498	4,407	16,641	35,744	35,744		
Burmet	132,625	41,473	78,393	33,009	22,444		
Cameroon	1,712,218	16,218	22,218	40,000	37,373		
Cameroon	1,506,643	1,891	2,264	5,789	400		
Chad	478,784	24,224	28,545	43,351	13,467		
Chad	454,053	49,939	63,388	102,772	49,236		
Comoros	427,970	31,616	33,162	46,939	22,970		
Cote d'Ivoire	708,149	5,604	12,364	66,218	23,572		
Cote d'Ivoire	709,434	15,027	15,027	3,883	3,883		
Cote d'Ivoire	630,551	19,127	17,860	8,402	14,528		
Cote d'Ivoire	587,050	3,689	3,931	3,964	3,937		
Maldives	85,074	43,009	35,730	84,361	24,037		
Maldives	767,573	3,689	3,689	3,689	3,689		
Maldives	655,096	947,215	1,722,715	135,172	124,718		
Uganda	999,891	25,758	36,667	17,387	18,071		

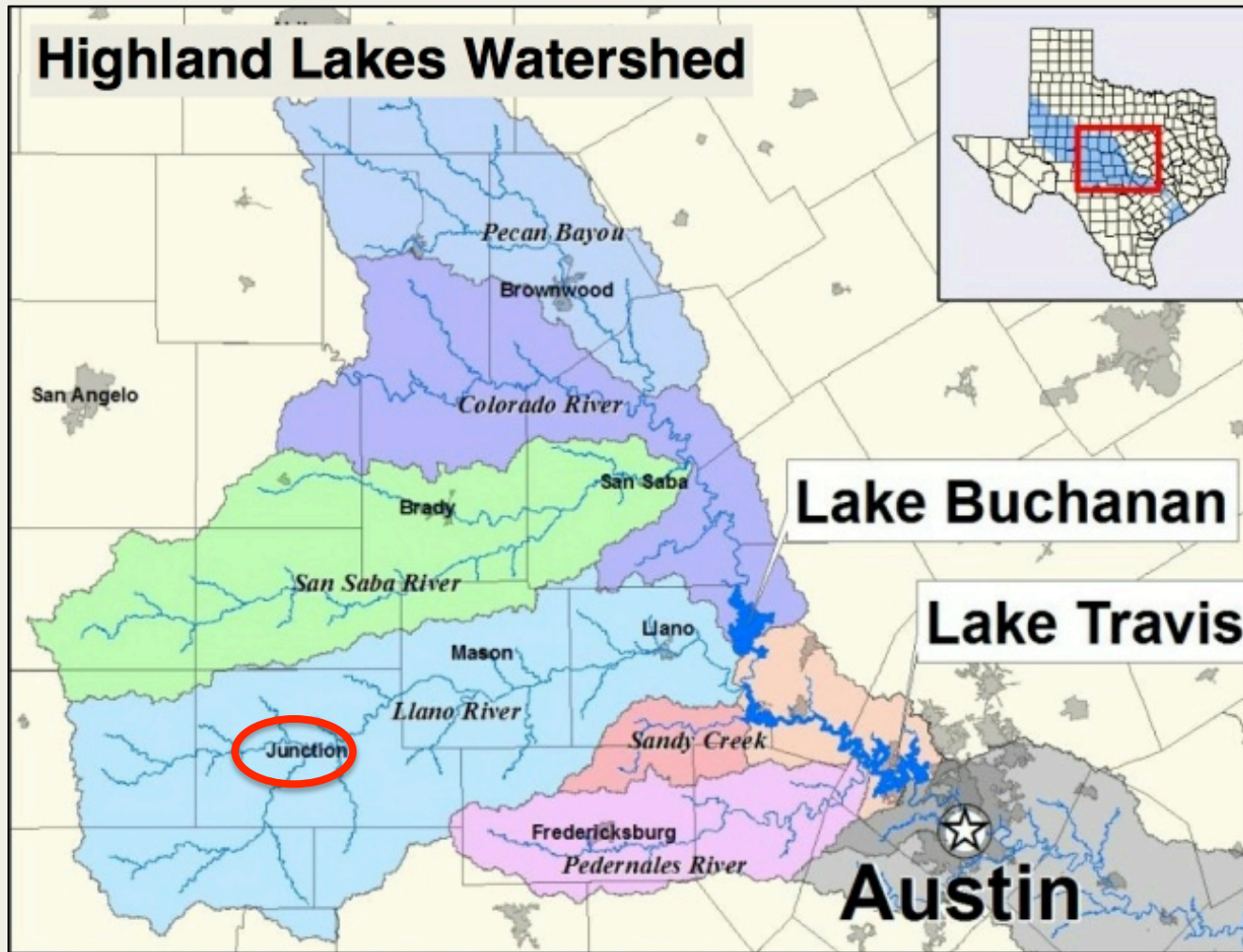












- During drought, the Llano can carry up to three quarters of Austin's drinking water







## ■ PRIVATE LANDS

In Farms and Ranches.....**76%**

Under Wildlife Management .....**9.1%**

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Texans owning homes .....**63%**

Texans owning land.....**0.92%**

Texans owning more than 1000 acres....**0.11%**

## ■ PUBLIC LANDS

Federal .....**2.6%**

State .....**3.0%**

Local .....**0.14%**

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Parks, Forests, Refuges .....**2.5%**

Texas Parks and Wildlife .....**0.6%**

Total Land  
in Texas:

**172  
million  
acres**

**5.7% public**

**94.3%  
private**



# New York City Watershed Agreement

- Protect New York City's drinking water quality
- 150 miles upstream
- Multi-pronged, voluntary approach:
  - Land conservation
  - Wastewater treatment improvements
  - BMP stewardship programs
  - Economic development investments















# Toward a Regional Plan for the Texas Hill Country

*Dripping Springs  
Photo by: Tom Zinn  
Source: Camp Lucy*



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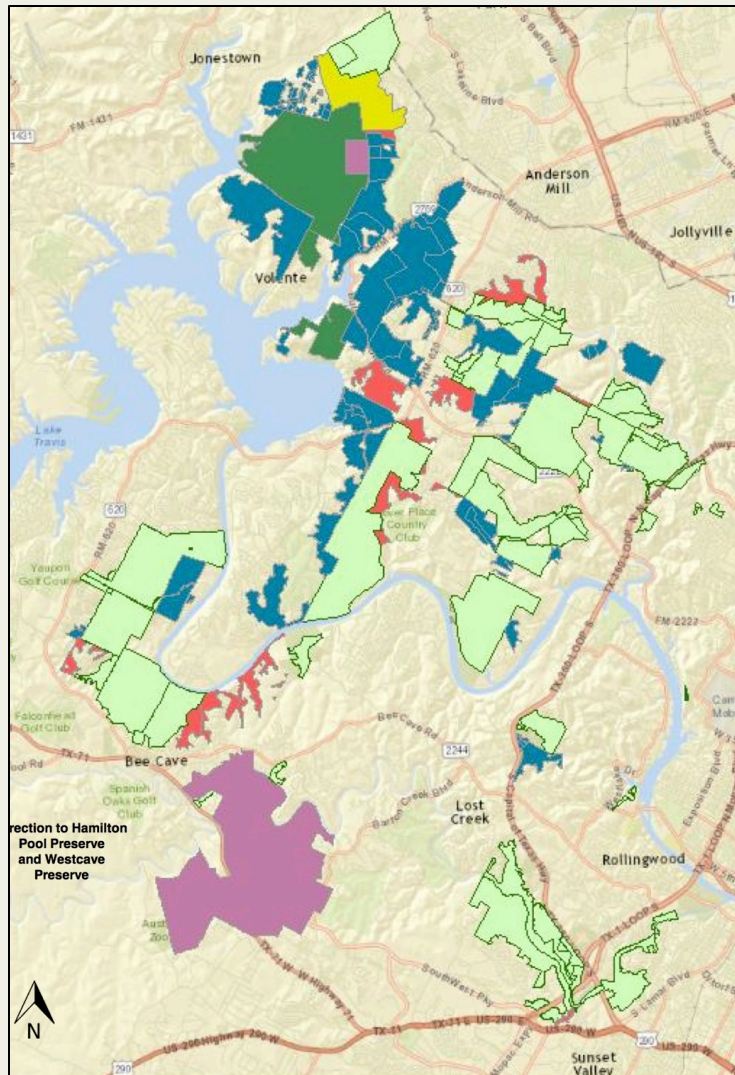
Regional collaboration between:

- Private Corporations
- Foundations
- Government





# Hill Country Endowment: Local Precedents



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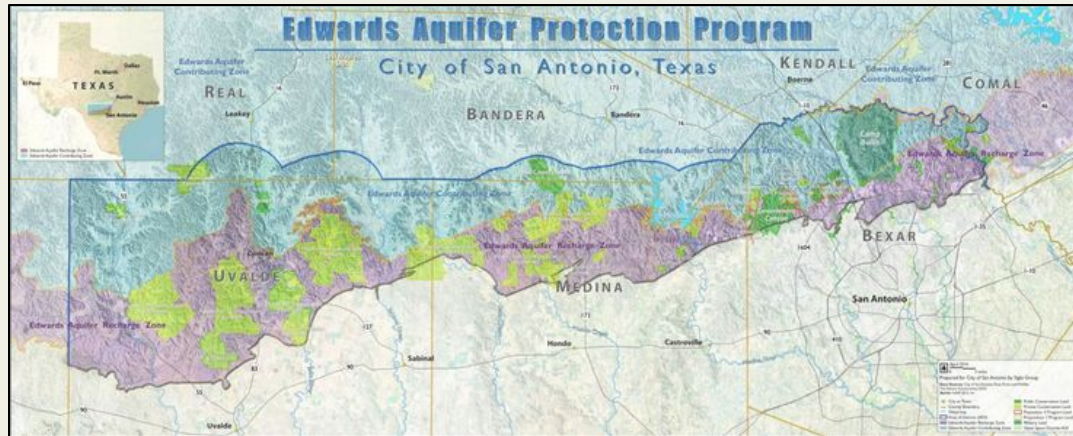
- Voters approved 9 bonds in 6 elections
- Between 1992 and 2012
- Investing approximately \$265 Million
- Conserving approximately 58,000 acres

## Partners:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| • City of Austin         | • Travis County            |
| • The Nature Conservancy | • LCRA                     |
| • Travis Audubon Society | • Hill Country Conservancy |
|                          | • Private Landowners       |



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## San Antonio Edwards Aquifer Protection Program:

- Funded by 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent on sales tax
- Voter approved 3 times since 2000
- Spent about \$2 million so far
- Conserving approximately 136,000 acres in Bexar, Medina, Uvalde counties

## Voter-approved land conservation expenditures in the I-35 corridor (in millions):

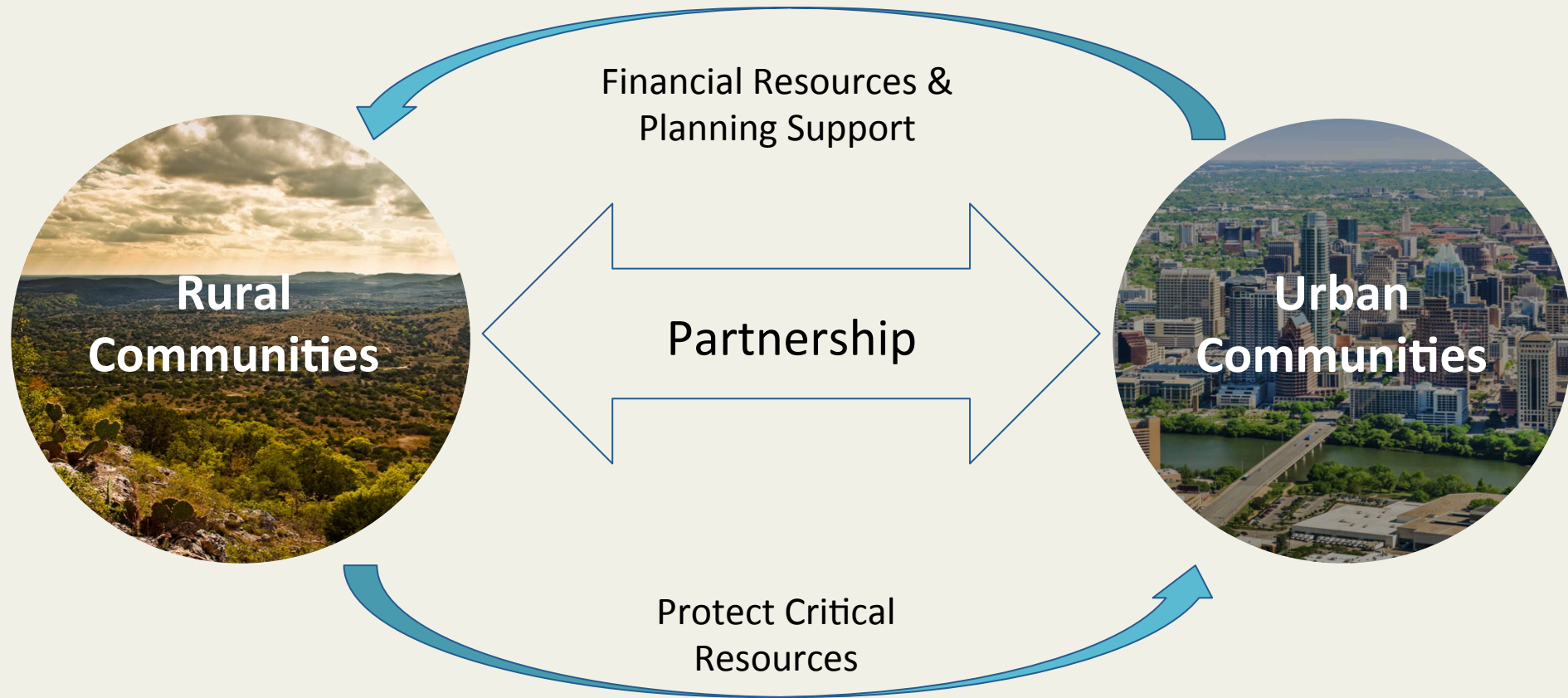
- Austin: \$265
- Bee Cave: \$3.5
- Travis County: \$134
- Buda: \$1.1
- San Marcos: \$2
- Hays County: \$33.5
- Kendall County: \$5
- San Antonio: \$560
- Bexar County: \$3.7

**Total \$1 billion**  
**Conserved 310,000 acres**  
**7% of lands in 5 counties**



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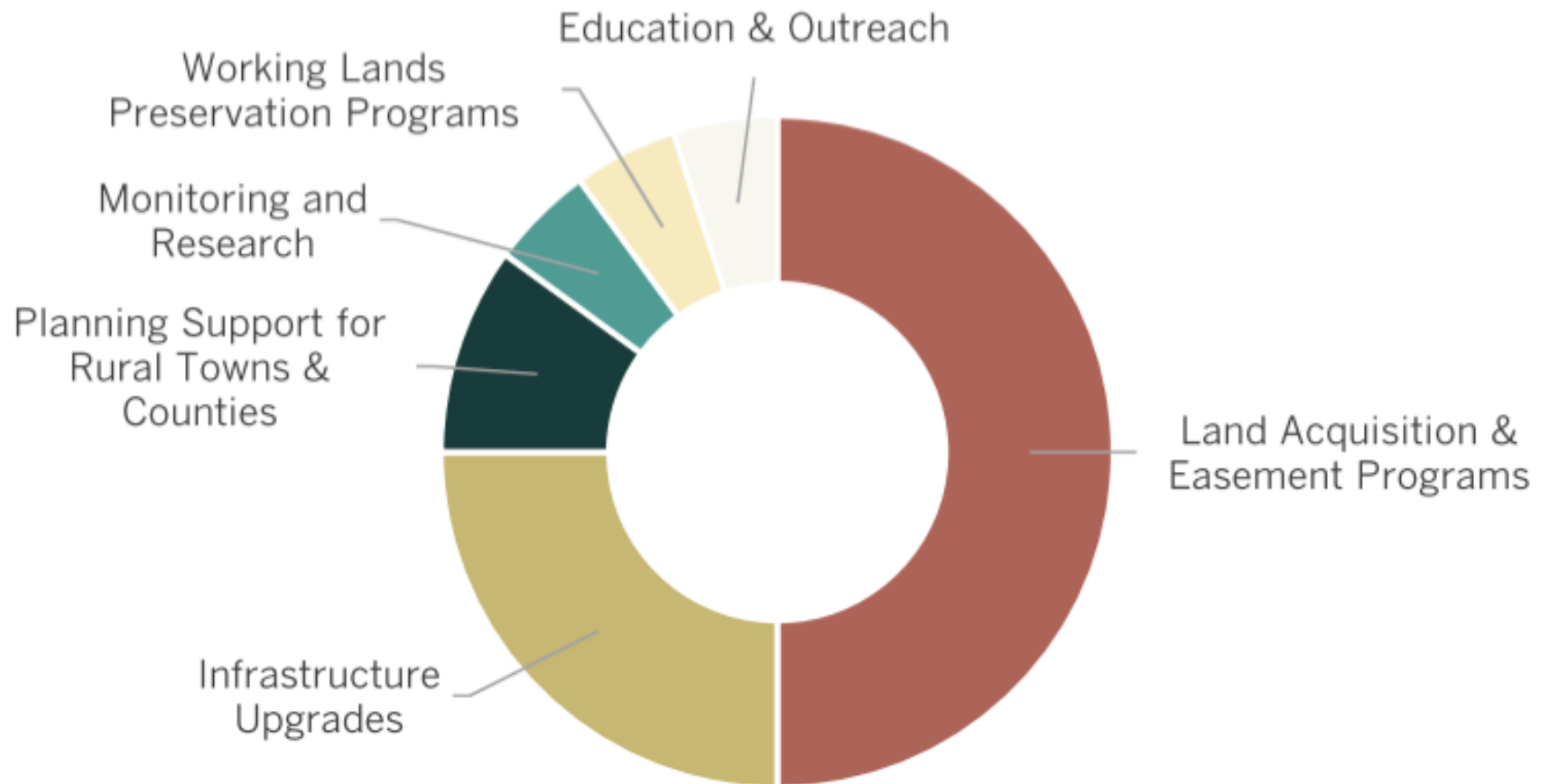
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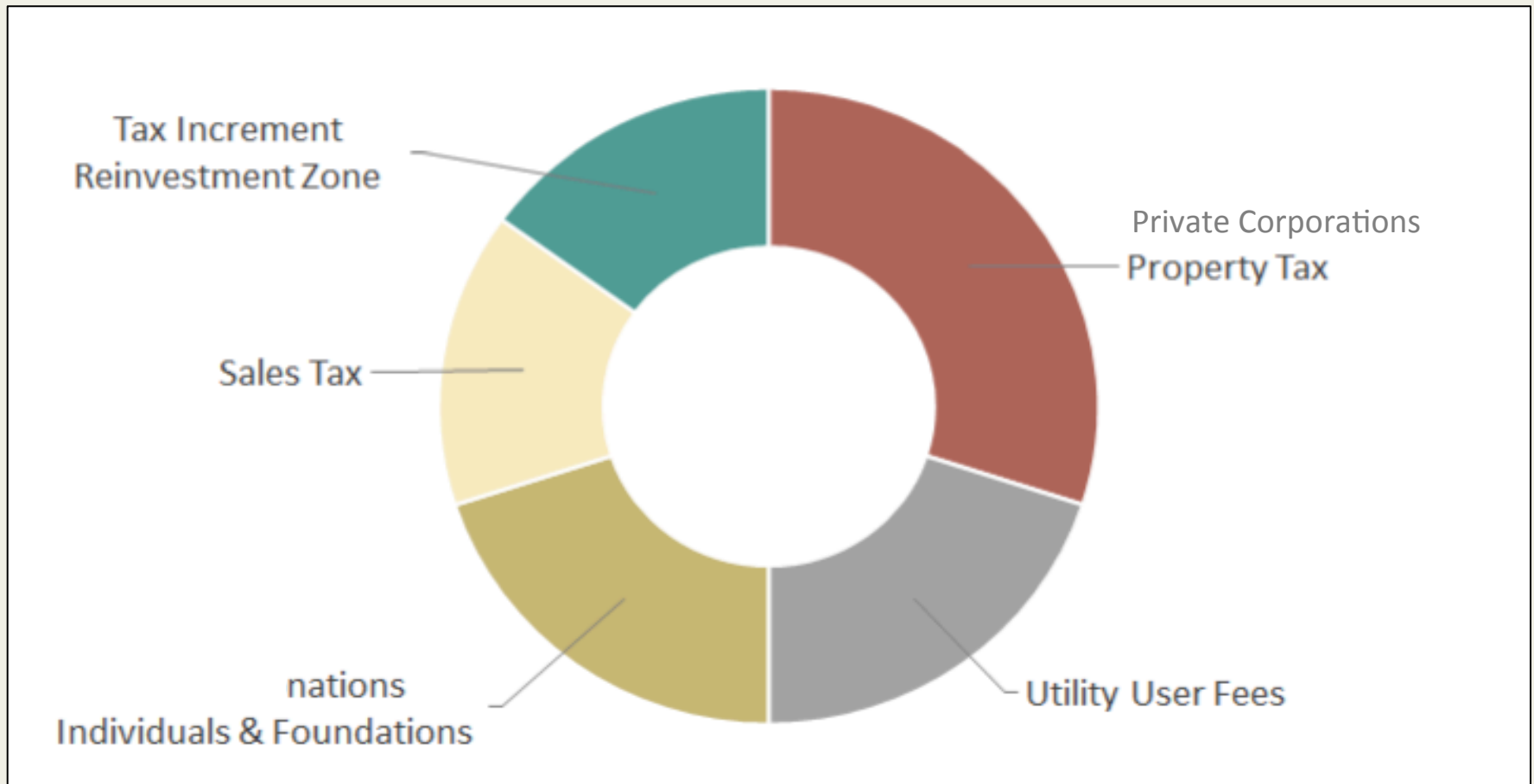
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# Hill Country Endowment: Diverse Funding Sources

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- Allow Hill Country Alliance to return in the Spring to update this Committee











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